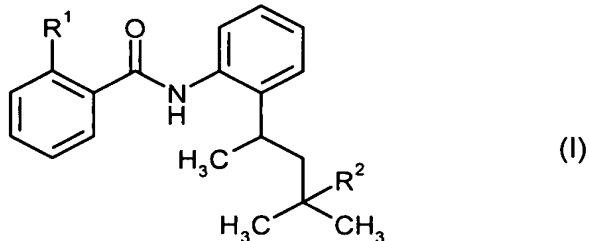


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Claims 1-11 (canceled)

Claim 12 (previously presented): A phenylbenzamide of formula (I)



in which

R¹ represents trifluoromethyl, chlorine, bromine, or iodine, and
R² represents hydrogen, methyl, or ethyl.

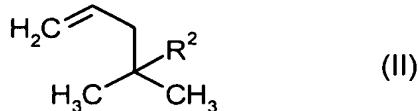
Claim 13 (previously presented): A phenylbenzamide of formula (I) according to Claim 12 in which R² represents hydrogen.

Claim 14 (previously presented): A phenylbenzamide of formula (I) according to Claim 12 selected from the group consisting of

N-[2-(1,3-dimethylbutyl)phenyl]-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzamide,
N-[2-(1,3-dimethylbutyl)phenyl]-2-chlorobenzamide,
N-[2-(1,3-dimethylbutyl)phenyl]-2-bromobenzamide,
N-[2-(1,3-dimethylbutyl)phenyl]-2-iodobenzamide,
2-(trifluoromethyl)-N-[2-(1,3,3-trimethylbutyl)phenyl]benzamide,
2-chloro-N-[2-(1,3,3-trimethylbutyl)phenyl]benzamide,
2-bromo-N-[2-(1,3,3-trimethylbutyl)phenyl]benzamide, and
2-iodo-N-[2-(1,3,3-trimethylbutyl)phenyl]benzamide.

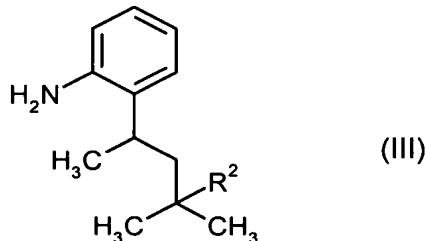
Claim 15 (previously presented): A process for preparing a phenylbenzamide of formula (I) according to Claim 12 comprising

(a) reacting aniline with an alkene of formula (II)



in which R² represents hydrogen, methyl, or ethyl,

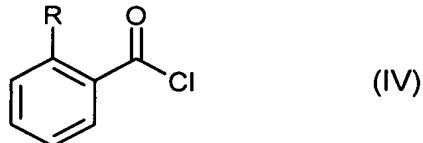
in the presence of a base and in the presence of a Lewis acid to form an alkylphenylamine derivative of formula (III)



in which R² represents hydrogen, methyl, or ethyl,

and

(b) reacting the alkylphenylamine derivative of formula (III) with a benzoyl chloride of formula (IV)



in which R¹ represents trifluoromethyl, chlorine, bromine or iodine,

optionally in the presence of an acid binder and optionally in the presence of a diluent.

Claim 16 (currently amended): A composition for controlling unwanted microorganisms fungi and bacteria in the protection of crops and materials comprising one or more phenylbenzamides of formula (I) according to Claim 12 and one or more extenders and/or surfactants.

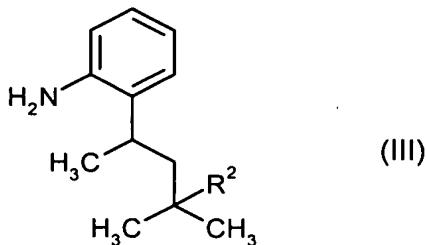
Claim 17 (currently amended): A method for controlling unwanted microorganisms fungi and bacteria that infect crops and materials comprising applying an effective

amount of one or more phenylbenzamides of formula (I) according to Claim 12 to the microorganisms fungi and bacteria and/or their habitat.

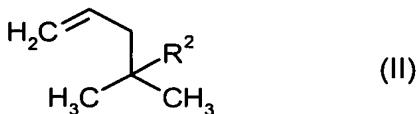
Claim 18 (currently amended): A process for preparing compositions for controlling unwanted microorganisms fungi and bacteria that infect crops and materials comprising mixing one or more phenylbenzamides of formula (I) according to Claim 12 with one or more extenders and/or surfactants.

Claims 19-20 (canceled)

Claim 21 (previously presented): A process for preparing a phenylamine derivative of formula (III)



in which R² represents hydrogen, methyl, or ethyl,
comprising reacting aniline with an alkene of formula (II)



in which R² represents hydrogen, methyl, or ethyl,
in the presence of a base and in the presence of a Lewis acid.

-- Claim 22 (new): A method according to Claim 17 wherein the microorganisms fungi and bacteria are selected from Alternaria, Aspergillus, Chaetomium, Coniophora, Lentinus, Penicillium, Polyporus, Aureobasidium, Sclerophoma, Trichoderma, Escherichia, Pseudomonas, Staphylococcus, Plasmodiophoromycetes, Oomycetes, Chytridiomycetes, Zygomycetes, Ascomycetes, Basidiomycetes, Deuteromycetes, Pseudomonadaceae, Rhizobiaceae, Enterobacteriaceae, Corynebacteriaceae, Streptomycetaceae, Xanthomonas,

Pseudomonas, Erwinia, Pythium, Phytophthora, Pseudoperonospora, Plasmopara, Bremia, Peronospora, Erysiphe, Sphaerotheca, Podosphaera, Venturia, Pyrenophora, Cochliobolus, Uromyces, Puccinia, Sclerotinia, Tilletia, Ustilago, Pellicularia, Pyricularia, Fusarium, Botrytis, Septoria, Leptosphaeria, Cercospora, Alternaria, and Pseudocercospora. --